IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 33-40 were presented in the previous Amendment (Amendment B). All pending claims and their present status are produced below.

- 1. (Canceled)
- (Canceled) 2.
- 3. (Canceled)
- (Canceled) 4.
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Canceled)
- (Canceled) 8.
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)
- (Canceled) 14.
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Canceled)
- (Canceled) 19.
- (Canceled) 20.
- 21. (Canceled)

- 22. (Canceled)
- 23. (Canceled)
- 24. (Canceled)
- 25. (Canceled)
- 26. (Canceled)
- 27. (Canceled)
- 28. (Canceled)
- 29. (Canceled)
- 30. (Canceled)
- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Currently amended) A method of predicting the performance of an application in a multi-hop network, the multi-hop network comprising a client and a server and having a path, the method comprising:
 - determining, for each thread of the application, a set of application factors

 corresponding to a set of functions performed by the application, the

 application factors being independent of the network and of a network flow

 control protocol, the application factors comprising average packet size and

 average node send time;
 - determining a set of network delay times corresponding to a series of network delay sources along the multi-hop network path, the network delay sources comprising a queuing delay, a bandwidth delay, a bottleneck delay, and one of a transmission delay, a constant delay, and a node delay;

determining a set of network flow factors corresponding to the network flow control protocol, the network flow factors comprising a number of turns added per direction, the direction relative to the client and the server, wherein said determining a set of network flow factors comprises generating a histogram of node send time and determining the number of turns added per direction based on the histogram;

determining a duration of each thread of the application based on the application factors, the network delay times and the network flow factors; and determining a total response time based on the durations of the threads.

- 34. (Canceled)
- 35. (Currently amended) An apparatus for predicting the performance of an application in a multi-hop network, the multi-hop network comprising a client and a server and having a path, the apparatus comprising:

means for determining, for each thread of the application, a set of application factors corresponding to a set of functions performed by the application, the application factors being independent of the network and of a network flow control protocol, the application factors comprising average packet size and average node send time;

means for determining a set of network delay times corresponding to a series of network delay sources along the multi-hop network path, the network delay sources comprising a queuing delay, a bandwidth delay, a bottleneck delay, and one of a transmission delay, a constant delay, and a node delay;

means for determining a set of network flow factors corresponding to the network flow control protocol, the network flow factors comprising a number of turns added per direction, the direction relative to the client and the server, wherein said means for determining a set of network flow factors comprises means for generating a histogram of node send time, and means for determining the number of turns added per direction based on the histogram;

means for determining a duration of each thread of the application based on the application factors, the network delay times and the network flow factors; and means for determining a total response time based on the durations of the threads.

- 36. (Canceled)
- 37. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising computer readable instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the processing system to perform a method of predicting the performance of an application in a multi-hop network, the multi-hop network comprising a client and a server and having a path, the method comprising:

determining, for each thread of the application, a set of application factors

corresponding to a set of functions performed by the application, the

application factors being independent of the network and of a network flow

control protocol, the application factors comprising average packet size and

average node send time;

determining a set of network delay times corresponding to a series of network delay sources along the multi-hop network path, the network delay sources comprising a queuing delay, a bandwidth delay, a bottleneck delay, and one of a transmission delay, a constant delay, and a node delay;

determining a histogram of node send time;

determining a set of network flow factors corresponding to the network flow control protocol, the network flow factors comprising a number of turns added per direction, the direction relative to the client and the server, wherein the number of turns added per direction is based on the histogram;

determining a duration of each thread of the application based on the application factors, the network delay times and the network flow factors; and determining a total response time based on the durations of the threads.

- 38. (Canceled)
- 39. (Currently amended) An apparatus for predicting the performance of an application in a multi-hop network, the multi-hop network comprising a client and a server and having a path, the apparatus comprising:
 - application factor logic for determining, for each thread of the application, a set of application factors corresponding to a set of functions performed by the application, the application factors being independent of the network and of a network flow control protocol, the application factors comprising average packet size and average node send time;

delay time logic for determining a set of network delay times corresponding to a series of network delay sources along the multi-hop network path, the network delay sources comprising a queuing delay, a bandwidth delay, a bottleneck delay, and one of a transmission delay, a constant delay, and a node delay;

histogram logic for generating a histogram of node send time;

flow factor logic for determining a set of network flow factors corresponding to the network flow control protocol, the network flow factors comprising a number of turns added per direction, the direction relative to the client and the server, wherein the number of turns added per direction is based on the histogram;

first duration logic for determining a duration of each thread of the application based on the application factors, the network delay times and the network flow factors; and

second duration logic for determining a total response time based on the durations of the threads.

40. (Canceled)